



## Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes September 19, 2007

### Members Present:

Vicki Bauman for Tom Changnon, Office of Education  
Larry Sikma for Adam Christianson, Sheriff  
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way  
Carol Shipley for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney  
Melda Gaskins for Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools  
Doris Foster, Chief Executive Office  
Veronica Garcia, Local Child Resource and Referral Agency  
Richard Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
Linda Kovacs, District 4 Representative  
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative  
Nancy Fisher for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency  
Jeanette Merchant for Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative  
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Dan Rosas for John Sims, Children and Families Commission  
Jan Viss, Community Services Agency  
Lucian Thomas for Chief Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Department

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Angelica Carranza, SCOE

Meeting began 3:38 p.m.

### AGENDA REVISION – Carol Shipley, Chair

Carol motioned to add to the agenda the formation of the nominating Committee for next years Executive Committee Members. Seconded by Judy Kindle. Motion carried unanimously.

### **I. INTRODUCTIONS - Carol Shipley, Chair**

Vicki Bauman – New leadership academy starting for high schoolers.

Ruben Pina – 17 students will be getting certificates in Emergency Response Team training this Saturday.

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Dwight Bateman,  
Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living

Tom Changnon, Superintendent of Schools

Tom Ciccarelli, United Way

Adam Christianson, Sheriff

Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative

William Fagan,  
Stanislaus County Housing Authority

Birgit Fladager, District Attorney

Doris Foster  
Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office

Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center

Veronica Garcia  
Local Child Care Resource and Referral

Denise Hunt  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Richard Jacobs  
Valley Mountain Regional Center

Judy Kindle  
Sierra Vista Child and Family Services

Linda Kovacs, District 4 Representative

Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency

Bob Loretelli, Superintendent, Hickman Schools

Judith R. Loretelli, District 2 Representative

Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court

Rod Landes, District 3 Representative

Nancy Millberry  
Child Abuse Prevention Committee

Dick Monteith, Board of Supervisors

Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative

Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency

Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative

Jerry Powers, Probation

Madelyn Schlaepfer, PhD  
Alcohol and Drug Programs

Ham Shirvani, President, CSU Stanislaus

John Sims  
Children and Families Commission

Jan Viss, Community Services Agency

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Helen White, Community Representative

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October 13 there will be a leadership conference for Hispanic students where they will be given information on scholarships and other information. Patterson High School was in a lock-down today due to fights after someone pulled the fire alarm.

Carol mentioned Cental Valley High School in Ceres was also in a lock-down due to a student getting caught with a gun at school. The student was arrested and the gun confiscated.

Dan Rosas – Children and Families Commission meeting this Tuesday, September 25, 2007 is at 4:00 p.m. The commission meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month.

Jan Viss – Ken Patterson is resigning from Community Services Agency effective November 9. He will be working with a Foundation on the 2020 Project which is to reduce the foster care population by 50% by the year 2020.

Doris – October 19- Domestic Violence Conference. See October calender for details or contact the Chief Executive Office.

Rod Landes – New member – Was a high school teacher for 14 years before doing motivational speaking for the past year and a half. Currently long term subbing at Modesto High School.

Rhonda Parker – September 26 is the start of a 12 week session called Educate, Equip and Support. This program provides parents of children who have emotional and behavioral challenged children with coping skills.

Nancy Fisher – Free flu vaccine clinic Tuesday, October 16, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for anyone 6 months old or older. Jan also shared about October 5, mandatory reporting training on child abuse and dependent and elderly adult abuse. It will be held at Community Services Agency. Call 558-2500 for more information.

Judy Kindle – Sierra Vista's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is today. Approximately 30 students are starting training with Project YES. 918 Sierra Drive sale is complete to Victory Outreach Church.

Cheryl Heppner – Announced attendance to Council meetings will be tracked. Please advise her, 2 days in advance if you will not be attending. Contact Cheryl with any events to be added to the monthly information calendars. Announced for El Concilio Community Center, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. a Forum is being held on Real Estate Fraud. A representative from the DA's office will be there.

Lucian Thomas – PAL is up and running.

Tom Ciccarelli – 211 going live has been changed to October 22<sup>nd</sup>. September 6<sup>th</sup> the campaign kicked-off.

Melda Gaskins – The Modesto City Schools just received a 1.3 million dollar grant for their smaller learning communities.

Carol Shipley – Family Justice Center is looking at the old Social Security building as a possible site. Fundraising has started for raising the operational and start-up costs for the first 3 years.

**II. MINUTES from August 15, 2007 approved:** Moved by Dick Jacobs  
Seconded by Ruben Pina  
Motion carried unanimously

### **III. ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS**

Health – October 16- Hearing- Level services to children will not be affected.

Law Enforcement – Vicki Bauman shared, Mike Emeralis received the Presidents Award from California School Resource Officers Association.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION – RISK ASSESSMENT AND CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM – Jeanette Merchant**

#### **V. REPORT FROM CONDITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Final statistical data received for Education. Child Health, Child Care, Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Poverty, Crime and Delinquency already received.

**Rosemary Crippen to have draft ready for review at next month's meeting.** Report to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in December.

#### **VI. CHANGE IN BY-LAWS**

To be voted on at the October meeting: Section 2 – Ex-Officio Members – Executive Director to be replaced with Coordinator. Responsibilities remain the same.

Section 2 – Nomination of Council Officers. It was discussed the wording needed to be changed as it pertained to the Chair. As it is stated now, the Chair, Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair are elected by receiving the majority of the votes. However, the Chair also is to have served as a member of the Council as Chair-Elect.

**Decision – change the wording to the Chair-Elect and Vice-Chair are elected by receiving the majority of the votes. (remove Chair). Also Chair elected shall have served as a member of the Executive Committee as Chair-Elect. (Executive Committee to replace Council). Also decided, was that another council member could be nominated in the event the Chair-Elect is not able to move into the Chair position.**

**Revisions to the By-Laws will be sent out by Cheryl prior to next months meeting so they may be voted on then.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE – AGENDA REVISION-** Carol Shipley, Doris Foster, Linda Kovacs, Jill Silva. Ballot will be presented at October's meeting. Election to take place at the November meeting.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Child Abuse Prevention Council – Shaken Baby Syndrome Campaign Kick-off October 24 at 11:00 a.m. New brochure handed-out. Buses in Modesto and 10 bus benches will display advertisements. November 1 all 4 hospitals in the County will start training new mothers before they leave the hospital.  
- Work is starting on the new calendar and art contest for next year.

Children and Families Commission – Annual report to the community will be included in the insert of the Modesto Bee the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. That same week on Tuesday will be presenting the Annual Commissions Presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Child Development Local Planning Council – Executive Committee will be working on a representative for this Position.

**Submit names of students, high school or college, to Carol or Cheryl for the Youth Representative Membership.**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING:**

**October 17, 2007**

3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Salida Library

4853 Sisk Road

Salida

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children's Council Coordinator